

B-3571 - B-3574  
417 - 401 E. Cross St. (South side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1842-1847

The south side of the 400 block of E. Cross St. is improved with a small group of two story, two bay wide gable-roofed brick houses built in the early 1840's by Isaac Vincent and Perry Dawson, partners in the development of the south-east corner of E. Cross St. and Riverside Ave. 401-407 E. Cross St., built by Vincent, is a row of small two story houses, sitting on low basements, which closely resemble the nearby pair at 1111-1113 Riverside Ave. 409-415 E. Cross St., built by Dawson, are larger houses which sit on quite high basements in which the kitchens are located. 417 E. Cross St., built by Vincent, originally resembled the smaller houses at 401-407 E. Cross St. but in a recent renovation the facade was entirely rebuilt and now has three levels of door and window openings instead of the original two.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

401-407 E. Cross St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Baltimore

Maryland 21202

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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This row of two story, two bay gable-roofed brick houses was built in the late 1840's . All of the houses have been covered with formstone.

The houses are two stories in height, 401 E. Cross St. is 12' wide, 403 E. Cross St. is 14' wide, and 405 and 407 E. Cross St. are 10' wide. All occupy lots 50' deep. Each house is two rooms deep and has a one story high, two bay deep rear addition. The houses are constructed in running bond but all of the facades have been covered with formstone. The low-pitched gable roof has a two-tier brick cornice, also hidden by the formstone covering. 401 E. Cross St. has a single chimney located on the east side of the rear roof gable; 403 and 405 E. Cross St. share a paired, double rectangular chimney located along the partition wall between the two houses at the peak of the gable roof; and 407 E. Cross St. has a double rectangular chimney located at the peak of the roof gable along the east side of the house.

Although the formstone covering has obscured the original appearance of the door and window lintels and sills, it is apparent that the openings had flat lintels. All of the window openings are currently filled with 1/1 double hung sash. 401 E. Cross St. has a glass and panel door; 403 and 405 E. Cross St. both have Mission-style doors; and 407 E. Cross St. has a multi-light glass and panel door. All of the doors are set beneath narrow single light transoms. The houses sit on very low basements, the entrances being reached by two or three stone steps (brick at 411 E. Cross St.) each. There are no basement window openings.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW					
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1842-1847

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Isaac Vincent

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 1111-1113 Riverside Ave.

These houses were built by Isaac Vincent on his share of the lot extending east from Riverside Ave. to 417 E. Cross St., which he purchased in partnership with Perry Dawson in 1842, and which had formerly been the property of William Gist.<sup>1</sup> Dawson built a row of similar houses adjoining this row, though set on a high basement where the kitchen was located, instead of having the kitchen in a rear addition, as these houses do. All of the houses were held as rental property.

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Land Records, Liber TK 336, Folio 448; AWB 383, Folio 315,318; RO 1748, Folio 145; JB 1834, Folio 222

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

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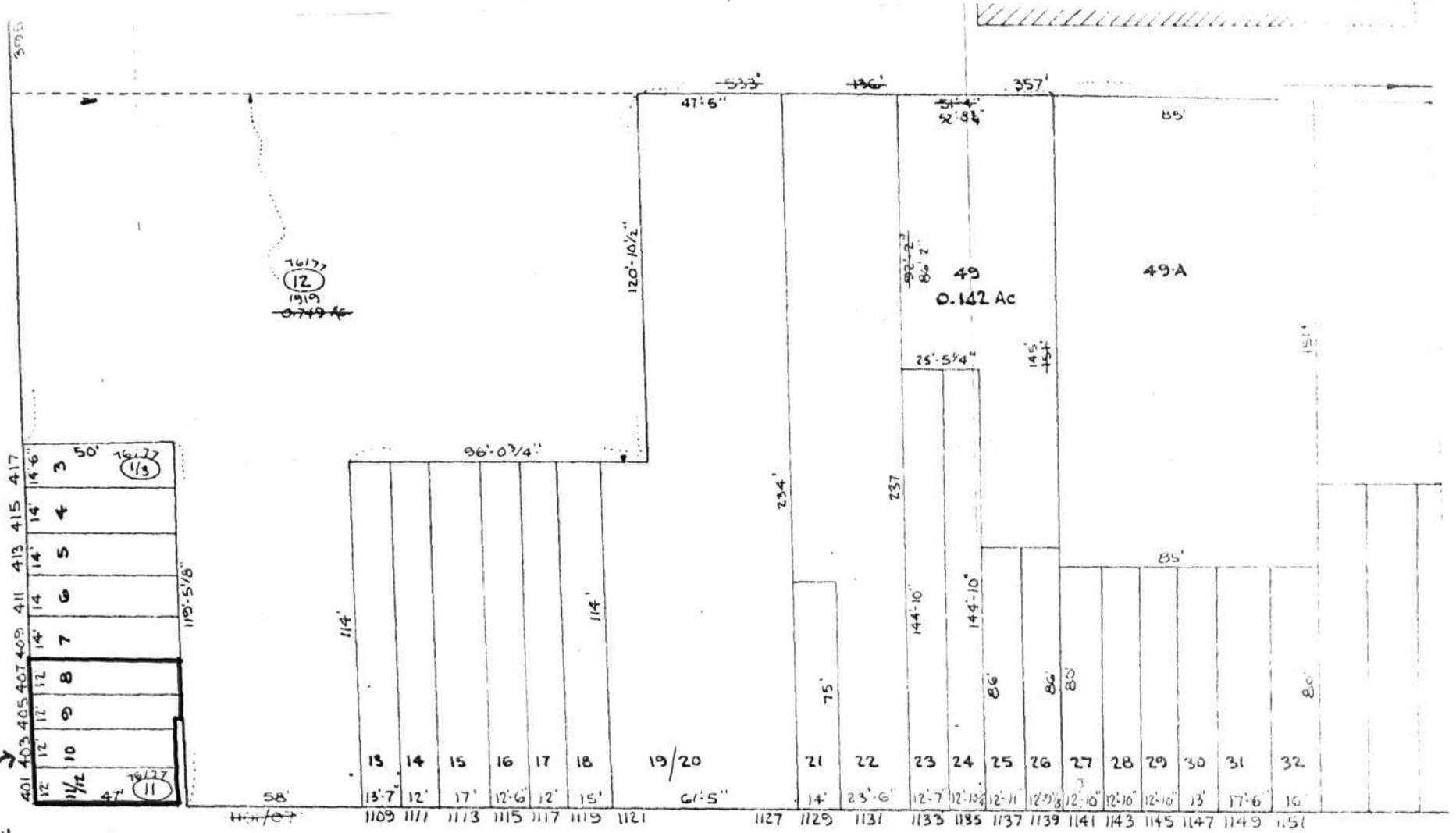
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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RIVERSIDE

AVE.

1918

SHEETS IN SET 2  
SHEET 1

○ DENOTES CONDITIONS FOR BLOCK 1920/21 FOR 76177

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NOTICE

B-3574  
401-407 E. Cross Street  
Block 1919 Lots 011-008  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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North and west elevations